

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A masking member for use in a coating process to protect from coating a specific part of an article that is being coated, wherein said masking member:

- (a) has a prescribed, non-planar, deep drawing shape or complex shape, good heat resistance and good dimensional stability;
- (b) is made of a modified polypropylene sheet in which 5 to 30% by weight of ~~polypropylene~~ polyethylene and/or ethylene-propylene copolymer is mixed in with polypropylene;
- (c) is vacuum and/or pressure formed from said modified polypropylene sheet into said prescribed, non-planar, deep drawing or complex shape; and
- (d) does not droop under its own weight in said vacuum and/or pressure forming.

Claim 2 (original): A masking member in accordance with claim 1, wherein 20 to 50 % by weight of an inorganic filler is mixed in with said modified polypropylene.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): A masking member in accordance with claim 1, wherein a non-modified polypropylene film covers one or both sides of said modified polypropylene sheet.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A masking member in accordance with claim 2, wherein a non-modified polypropylene film covers one or both sides of said modified polypropylene sheet.